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No doubt the South is willing to have colored troops fight for it although unwilling to entertain the colored troops in the National Guard camps. There is little consistency in such a position.

Fort Ethan Allen is fast getting a national reputation as a military center. The reputation is largely due to the splendid reports about the reservation which were made by the army officers who recently inspected the conditions.

Possibly Germany is not so fully supplied with submarines as the world has been led to think, or the merchant submarine Deutschland would not have been transformed into a fighting ship. Perhaps we have been "fed up" on lies in this matter as well as in other matters.

The resignation of Redfield Proctor as trustee of the University of Vermont is followed by the appointment of Attorney Edwin W. Lawrence, a graduate of the institution in 1901. The fact that Mr. Lawrence was a signer of the majority report in connection with the Appelman affair probably had nothing whatever to do with his selection for the position, for Mr. Lawrence is considered to have qualities which fit him for the position to which he has been called.

It cannot be a real exile when ex-Czar Nicholas of Russia is permitted to carry along a retinue of 50 servants to Siberia, together with several carloads of material to brighten the stay in that section of the realm. To be sure, Nicholas did not travel in the imperial train of rare luxury, nor were the crowds out to do him obeisance; but it is not exactly deprivation when a family and retinue of old and tried servants are permitted to travel in the best of the ordinary coaches and, presumably, with all the usual comforts of first class transportation. The so-called exile of Nicholas, as reported in the cable dispatches, has a somewhat hollow ring in it.

With American farmers crying out for farm labor and with crops and harvests likely to be decreased by reason of the labor shortage, it does not appear certain where the United States government will secure 20,000 harvest hands to send into the Canadian grain fields during the next few months. Labor of all kinds is in great demand, largely because of the drain incident to the enlistment of the huge army and large navy, and also to the increased industry due to the three years' operation of the war; and the farmers of the states in the northern part of the United States are hard pressed to get their own crops and harvests in. Vermont, for example, cannot furnish any men for the Canadian fields and yet do justice to her own harvesting; and we presume the conditions are similar in most of the other states in the northern tier. At the same time Americans would like to extend all possible aid to the Canadians in the acute situation which confronts them.

The motorman who ran by a turn-out and crashed his car into another on a single track line of trolley near Brantford, Conn., causing the death of 18 people, confessed that he had been in continuous service for 16 hours and was drowsy. That confession was followed by the statement that he was not forced to work 16 hours but that he worked because he "needed the money." It comes, then, to a question whether employees of street car lines should be permitted to work out their desire for financial gain at the possible sacrifice of the efficiency and safety of the service. Sixteen hours of labor is too long a period, especially when so much responsibility devolves upon the workman as it does in the case of a man at the controller of a rapidly moving electric car. That is one reason why the agitation for shorter hours of employment has been so persistent in recent years and why it commands so much support not only in labor circles but among the public as a whole.

A recent visit to Smugglers' Notch lying between Mount Mansfield and Sterling mountain shows that the state of Vermont will assume quite a burden in building and maintaining a state highway through the wild defile inasmuch as the heavy rainfalls will serve as a constant destructive force. The heavy rainfalls of the last few weeks have gullied and torn the present rough roadway in such a manner as to make passage by teams out of the question while foot traffic is also made quite difficult on the steeper slopes of the Notch. A state road of permanent nature must be extremely well constructed and set with culverts and drains in order to carry off the floods of water that flow down the steep sides of old Mansfield and rush their way to the Stowe valley; and, moreover, the road will require constant attention to prevent the action of the elements in wearing it away. However, it seems possible to carry out the engineering feat of building a fairly permanent state highway (permanent if it is looked after), and the marked attractiveness of the region should encourage to prompt decision by the state to open

up the Notch to team and motor traffic inasmuch as it would afford a marked asset to the tourist interests of the state, much as the opening up of the Dixville Notch in northern New Hampshire has done for our neighboring state. As far as impressive views are concerned, Smugglers' Notch has far greater possibilities than Dixville Notch, and it has the further advantage of being about one hundred miles nearer the great centers of population in the eastern part of the United States.

Vermont has a goodly number of army officers as the result of the training and the examinations held at the Plattsburg reserve officers' training camp and hopes to have as many more by the time the second school has been finished three months from August 27. It is to be noted that the two colleges of the state, which, by the way, have again been placed in the "distinguished class" by the national war department, were well represented among the graduates of the training camp which closed Aug. 15. The military training given at Norwich and the University of Vermont seems to have been of considerable benefit to the men who were admitted to the camp. However, some of those who took the course were debarred from receiving commissions by reason of the fact that they were considered too young for commissions, while others failed to come up to the strict physical examination held toward the close of the training school; but the former will undoubtedly stand in line for commissions if the war continues to run for a year or more, and the training which they have received will be put to good advantage.

OUR SOLDIERS ABROAD.
English newspaper comment on the appearance of the American troops which paraded through the streets of London and then were reviewed by King George was decidedly congratulatory. A measure of felicitation was to be expected in view of the fact that the United States had sent the soldiers across the ocean to assist the entente allies in their fight for world democracy; but there appears to be a strain of absolute sincerity in the expressions of high opinion of the troops, which goes beyond mere perfunctory felicitation. The physical appearance of the men as they marched along the streets seemed to strike the Englishmen favorably, and well it might, as the soldiers were part of the regular army and picked for their first-class physical development; they were not the hit-or-miss variety of male kind which might be drawn upon in an emergency. They represent a high type of physical manhood from the United States, a selected group of the common run, so to speak. The soldiers of the regular army of the United States are of the lean, lithe class of athletic mold, trained right down to bone and muscle, browned by exposure to the rays of the sun in the process of their training and with easy carriage on the line of march. The people of the United States are proud of the physical fitness of these men and they are proud, also, of the evidences of their fighting qualities as given in the few times that they have been called into actual powder-smelling on the field of conflict. So we take it that the Englishmen must have been more or less sincere in their expressions of approval of the physical appearance of these men who marched through the streets of London just prior to their departure for the fighting front.

CURRENT COMMENT

Slackers—That's All.

The resistance to the draft in Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia and Texas is not opposition to the principle of conscription but to military service of any kind. The men who are resisting the draft are not in favor of the volunteer system, as evidenced by the fact that they have not themselves volunteered. Their theory is that people other than themselves ought to bear the burden of war.

A vast majority of the people of the United States recognize the justice of the selective conscription system. Registration of all persons liable to military duty and the drawing of numbers by lot in such a manner that favoritism was absolutely impossible, is a system with which no reasonable fault can be found. No one has even intimated that there was unfairness in the drawing. While it is, of course, impossible that human beings should be above making mistakes in the administration of that portion of the law which relates to physical examination and exemptions, and although there will probably be many instances in which the officers administering the law display exceedingly poor judgment, yet there has up to this time been no complaint of deliberate unfairness. This being true, it is apparent that those who forcibly resist the draft do so not because of any feeling that an injustice is being done them individually, but because they refuse to recognize any liability on their part to serve their country in its time of need. They would not have served under a volunteer system and they will serve under the conscription system only in case they are forced to do so. They are slackers—nothing more nor less.—Concord, N. H., Monitor.

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It Was Before the Day of the Derelict Suspender Button.

Fred Keeler and D. H. Colby attended camp meeting and hitched their horse to a maple tree. For this misdemeanor Fred was obliged to pay a fine of one dollar. Fred got even with the camp meeting folks by closing his eyes when the hat was passed around.—Hyde Park item 20 years ago.

Countryside creameries are paying 47½ cents per pound for cream and the butter sells for 46, but, as we were about to remark after perusing the Bethel items, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peek of Pittsfield, Mass., are taking a squint at the changes time has wrought in their old home town.

Cutting Remark Apropos Pampadours.

The new style of hair cutting which young men affect nowadays reminds one of nothing so much as a window mop.— Windsor item.

LITTLE QUESTION FOR TO-DAY:
Who was the oldest president while in office?

You said it—William Henry Harrison. And the Boston Globe explains "He was 68 when inaugurated and lived but one month hereafter."

Green Mountain Echoes.

W. L. Rand has a new Oldsmobile automobile.—Cavendish item.

We understand that Luke Pratt has a telephone. The poles were set last fall.—Tarbell hill item.

Two cousins from Old Virginia were recent guests at Elmer Sweet's. They were true exponents of Virginia life and minstrelsy.—Cristy district item.

The Hatch family were well represented at church last Sunday by eight members.—West Fairlee Center item.

Eleven-year-old Lizzie Murray caught a 12-inch trout that weighed 12 ounces in Twenty-Mile stream recently, after two professional fishermen had angled for it.—Twenty-Mile stream item.

The last sermon by Pastor Sweet was one of admonition regarding the use of the harvests and first fruits and was one well worth pondering.—Cambridge item.

Roy Moulton took a trip to Newport recently. A play day now and then is a good thing, as all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, as the saying goes.—Pelcherville item.

The many friends of Mr. Andrews will be pained to learn that he had such a headache Sunday morning that he was unable to be present at church. He is to be congratulated on being much better in the afternoon.—Newbury item.

It is reported that one of our prominent lawyers recently started to Sherbrooke, P. Q., for a pleasure jaunt. Upon reaching North Hatley he was held up on a telephone call and politely requested to return to the boundary line and register, just like ordinary mortals have to do.—Newport item.

Ye Gargantuan Scribe.

Your correspondent is enjoying the fruits of his labor by eating at this time new potatoes, green peas, string beans, new onions, new beets, endive, cucumbers and summer squash, all started in the open garden.—North Shrewsbury item.

One constant element of luck
Is genuine, solid, old—* pluck—
Stick to your aim, the mongrel's hold
Will slip.

But only crowsbars loose the bulldog's grip!
Small though he looks, the jaw that never yields
Drags down the bellowing monarch of the fields.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

*Deleted.

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Alstead, N. H., Pre-Hooverian Sees It Through.

In conversation over the 'phone with Mrs. W. W. Dinsmore, the correspondent learned that she was now in August, making squash pies from a winter squash raised last season, apple pies from last year's apples, and eating potatoes raised last year, which is saving on high cost of living. Mr. Dinsmore recently sold his cow for a good price on account of Mrs. Dinsmore's health, which is a privation for them, having always had plenty of milk and cream and supplied customers.—Alstead item.

Miss Nellie De Gosh, Howard De Gosh and wife and Ray De Gosh and friend of Lyme, N. H., spent Sunday in town.— Plainfield, N. H., item.

De Gosh dinged dog was left at home

When an automobile headed toward them on a steep hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Southwick of Cabot calmly remained seated in their carriage, even though the harness and wagon were obliterated, or as a correspondent explains, "It came near throwing Mr. and Mrs. Southwick

out and demolished the harness and wagon."
One thing I can't quite understand,
As I go near and far,
Why is it that the smallest man
Rides in the roomiest car?
—Yonkers Statesman.

One thing I can't quite understand,
An answer can you give?
Why is it that the fattest man
Rides in the dinkiest div?
M. S.

No Use.
They were out sailing when the wind died away, leaving them becalmed. The young man urged his fair companion to whistle for some wind.
"Oh, no," she said archly, "there's no telling what you will do when I get my lips all puckered up."
"I won't do anything at all, he promised."
"Well," she returned, "then I won't whistle."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Little Miss Muffet went out to rough it
By working with spade and hoe,
But when her tomatoes came up as potatoes

Poor startled Miss Muffet said "Oh!"
—From National Emergency Food Garden Commission, Washington, D. C.

"I WONDER IF SOME HERO WILL GET THIS SWEATER."



—Patrick in New Orleans Times-Picayune.

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